How Should You Prepare?

- **Faith Based Organizations**
  
  *Emergency Notifications*
  *General Emergency Preparedness*
  *Pandemic Influenza Preparedness*
  *Planning Resources*

  - Emergency Notifications

    During any emergency that requires the distribution of important information to the public or specific audiences, Norwood City Health Department utilizes many communication systems, including the Hamilton County Public Health’s Health Alert Network (HAN). The HAN is a system used to notify members of the community about public health emergencies or other pertinent health information. Messages are typically delivered via fax or e-mail. By participating in Hamilton County Public Health’s HAN, you will receive information that may be vital to the health and safety of Hamilton County residents.

    **Contact Hamilton County Public Health** to join the Health Alert Network.

  - General Emergency Preparedness

    - **The Religious Community as Disaster Educator: Planning, Prevention & Mitigation**
      A guide from the Church World Service Emergency Response Program
    - Additional faith-based tools for emergency response and pandemic preparedness. Tools to help meet the spiritual and "unmet" needs of disaster victims from the Church World Service Emergency Response Program
    - **Why, What & How: Cooperative Faith-Based Disaster Recovery in Your Community**
      A guide from the Church World Service Emergency Response Program

  - Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

    *General Information about Pandemic Influenza*

    - **Pandemic Influenza**
    - **Community Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Mitigation**
    - **CDC's interim guidance regarding use of face masks to prevent the spread of pandemic influenza**
o Planning Resources

- **Faith Community Messages**
  Tips for maintaining a healthy faith community, adaptable.

- **Hamilton County Pandemic Influenza Forum for Faith Leaders**
  PowerPoint presentation prepared by Hamilton County Public Health from April 2007 Faith Community-Public Health Forum

- **Challenges and Preparation -- Community Organizations**
  This checklist identifies specific steps faith-based and community organizations can take now to prepare for a pandemic.

- **Tools for Community Organizations**
  More information for community groups from Ohio's Pandemic Influenza Web site, including fact sheets, check lists and sample newsletter articles.